

May 2020 DSRIP Announcements & Updates

Dear DSRIP Program Participants,

Thank you for your attention to these brief NJ DSRIP announcements.

Reminder! DSRIP Reporting Deadline Extensions

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic DOH has worked with CMS to extend DY8 DSRIP Reporting Deadlines. DOH does not anticipate major changes to the DY8 payment timeline.

The due dates for hospital submission of the DY8 Standard Reporting Workbook (SRW), Measure Validation Template (MVT), and DY8 Semi-Annual 2 (SA2) Progress Reports are changed to **June 30**, **2020**. Please see below for original and revised due dates.

- The deadline for DY8 SRWs and MVTs will be extended by three months from March 31, 2020 to **June 30, 2020**.
- The deadline for DY8 SA2 Progress Reports will be extended by two months from April 30, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

If you are able to submit these materials prior to June 30th, we strongly encourage you to do so. Please note: additional extension requests beyond the June 30th deadline will be unlikely to be granted given the significant impact additional extensions could potentially have on 2020 payment distribution timelines.

May DSRIP Webinar

For your convenience, the previously scheduled May DSRIP webinar has been replaced with a recorded webinar. The webinar recording is now available on the <u>Learning Collaborative</u> page of the NJ DSRIP website.

This webinar provides an overview of the updated DY8 payment timeline and mechanics and reminds hospitals of the DY8 reporting deadline extension for SRWs, MVTs, and progress reports.

Please submit any questions regarding the recorded webinar to NJDSRIP@pcgus.com.

Updated DY8 Payment Timeline & Mechanics

To ensure that DY8 DSRIP payments are not significantly delayed given the reporting deadline extensions outlined above, DOH has received CMS' approval on modifications to how the DY8 interim and final payments will be calculated.

The DY8 interim payment will now be based on hospitals' performance on claims-based (MMIS) measures only. The DY8 final payment will be informed by hospitals' performance on non-claims-based (chart-based) measures, the UPP remainder, plus any necessary post-appeals adjustments from DY7 and/or DY8.

The updated payment mechanism will prompt two appeals cycles in DY8. The first appeal cycle will occur after hospitals receive their DY8 claims-based (MMIS) measure results and interim payment. The second appeal cycle will begin after hospitals receive their DY8 non-claims-based (chart-based) measure results. All appeals adjustments will be reconciled in the DY8 final payment.

Please review the recorded May DSRIP webinar for additional details on the updated DY8 payment timeline and mechanics. The May webinar can be found on the **Learning Collaborative** page of the NJ DSRIP website.

Rutgers DSRIP Interviews

Rutgers Center for State Health Policy will begin stakeholder interviews for the qualitative component of the DSRIP evaluation in May and June.

Rutgers will be reaching out to individuals to schedule telephone interviews. Interview invites will come via email from the research staff at Rutgers. Interviews will be about 60-90 minutes in length and are voluntary. The goal is to conduct around 10 interviews. Questions will cover various aspects of interviewees' perceptions of the DSRIP program, and no identifying information on interview subjects will be included in the report of findings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to: Sujoy Chakravarty, Associate Research Professor - schakravarty@ifh.rutgers.edu

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Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please email NJDSRIP@pcgus.com.

Thank you, NJ DSRIP Team



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